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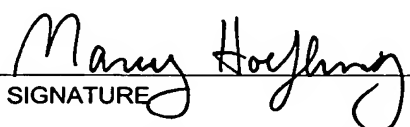
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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES</b>		<b>ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER</b> ACH-3023 US
<b>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)</b>		<b>U.S. APPLICATION NO.</b> (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)
<b>CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		<b>10/5/9595</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.</b> PCT/EP2004/013226	<b>INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE</b> NOVEMBER 11, 2004	<b>PRIORITY DATE</b> NOVEMBER 26, 2003
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> HYDROTHERMAL PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF QUASI-CRYSTALLINE BOEHMITE		
<b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US</b> LAHEIJ, Eric Jeroen; O'CONNOR, Paul; STAMIREs, Dennis, MORGADO JUNIOR, Edison; SANTOS DE ABREU, Marco Antonio; FERNANDES, Marcio, and BRADY, Michael		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4). ..... \$100 All other situations. .... \$200				\$ 200.00	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$ 0.00	
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1. Two-Page Transmittal Letter To The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning A Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Page 2 In Duplicate);
2. Two-Page Unexecuted Declaration, Power of Attorney, and Petition for Inventor(s): Erik Jeroen Laheij; Paul O'Connor; Dennis Stamires; Edisson Morgado Junior; Marco Antonio Santos De Abreu; Márcio Fernandes, and Michael Brady;
3. Four-Page Preliminary Amendment To Be Entered Prior To Claims Fee Calculation And Considered Part Of Original Filing;
4. One-Page Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal Sheet, and
5. One-Page Information Disclosure Statement Form PTO/SB/08a With Six References (Four Attached).

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